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SUBJECT: UN PRESS SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS ON VIETNAM APRIL 3

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1. AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 3, UNSYG PRESS SPOKESMAN
(POWELL) SPOKE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A) HE SAID THAT SYG WALDHEIM'S GENERAL POSITION IS "NOT
TO HELP WITH THE EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES." ASKED
WHETHER US HAS GIVEN ANY INDICATION TO SYG WALDHEIM THAT IT
HAS PLAN TO ANTICIPATE WHAT MAY NOW HAPPEN IN VIETNAM SO THAT
A HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR VIETNAM MAY BE PLANNED
MORE CAREFULLY, POWELL REPLIED THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW WALDHEIM
HAD SEEN NO SUCH PLAN. HE REFERRED QUESTIONERS TO USUN FOR
INFORMATION ON WHETHER SUCH PLAN EXISTS.

B) POWELL CONSIDERED NEW YORK TIMES APRIL 3 HEADLINE
("WALDHEIM BARS VIETNAM PLEA ON REFUGEES") "A BIT MISLEADING"
SINCE SYG MADE AN APPEAL MARCH 31 FOR ALL THOSE SUFFERING IN
VIETNAM. HIS POSITION TODAY IS EXACTLY THE SAME -- IT
EMPHASIZES HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR ALL VIETNAM. POWELL
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AVOIDED DIRECT ANSWER TO QUESTION OF HOW HUMANITARIAN

ASSISTANCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO PRG, SAYING MERELY THAT IT MUST BE DISTRIBUTED BY "LOCAL AUTHORITIES." SINCE UN DOES NOT HAVE STRENGTH OF NUMBERS OF SUPERVISE DISTRIBUTION. HE ADDED THAT SINCE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM NORTH VIETNAM AND PRG HAVE SO FAR BEEN MADE IN VERY GENERAL TERMS, UN REP NOW IN HANOI TO WORK OUT DETAILS.

C) POWELL SAID THAT TOTAL UN STRENGTH IN SOUTH VIETNAM WAS NOW 75 AND THAT UN REPS IN SAIGON INSTRUCTED THAT THEY MAY EVACUATE THEIR DEPENDENTS BY COMMERCIAL AIRLINER TO BANGKOK IF THEY WISH.

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